

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the **Lincoln Police Department** announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On March 23, 2011, the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, sentenced Joseph Taylor, also known as Little Joe, to twenty years in prison followed by ten years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. Mr. Taylor, of Kansas City, Missouri, and others working with him, brought cocaine and crack cocaine to Lincoln where it was distributed as crack. Mr. Taylor was held responsible for the distribution of 7.4 kilograms of crack cocaine. Mr. Taylor was also held responsible for possessing a gun during the conspiracy.

Name of Defendant: Joseph Konan Taylor

AKA: Little Joe

Age: 33

City of residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Distribute crack cocaine, 20 years to life imprisonment, up to a \$8,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 10 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Latrail Taylor

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between January 1, 2004 - March 14, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: 10-15-2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 12-17-2008

Initial Appearance Date: 10-20-2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on 7-22-2010

Sentencing Date: 3-22-2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held

In Continuous Custody Since: 3-22-2011

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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